

REMARKS

Claims 5, 12, and 15-17 are currently pending in the present application, with Claims 1-4, 6, 8-11, 13, 14, and 18-21 being canceled.

The Examiner rejected Claims 1-4, 6, 8-11, 13, 14, and 18-21 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Minagh (U.S. Patent No. 5,835,462) in view of Nakajo (U.S. Patent No. 5,502,702). This rejection is moot in view of the canceled claims.

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance as indicated by the Examiner. An early allowance is solicited.

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